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DEVELOPMENT OF NEW SOPHISTICATED SATELLITE
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are in the process of developing new sophisticated satellites to maintain India`s pre-eminent position in remote sensing;

(b) if so, the areas being given preference for the launching of new satellites; and

(c) the time by which the process of launching new satellites is to be completed?

Answer

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(a)&(b) India is in the process of developing remote sensing satellites with advanced features for addressing applications of direct relevance in the important areas of land and water resources management, large scale mapping applications and ocean and meteorological applications.

(c) It is planned to launch the above series of advanced satellites in the coming years in a systematic manner, providing continuity of services to the user community. It is expected that during the 10th Five Year Plan, the advanced satellites such as the METSAT-1, RESOURCESAT-1, CARTOSAT 1&2, Oceansat-2 and Meghatropiques will be launched.